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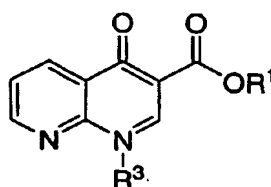
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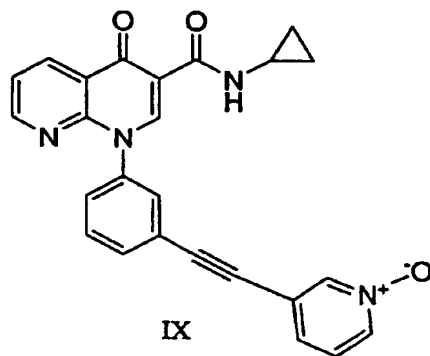
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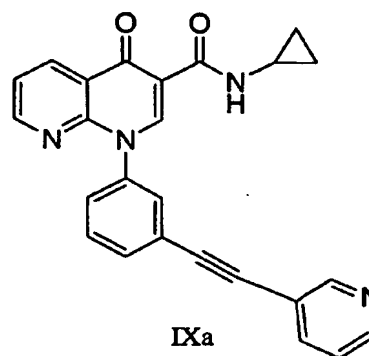
(54) Title: METHOD OF PREPARING INHIBITORS OF PHOSPHODIESTERASE-4



V



IX



IXa

(57) Abstract: In one aspect, the present invention is directed to a one pot method of preparing intermediates of Formula (V), which are useful in making inhibitors of phosphodiesterase-4. The present invention is also directed to a method of preparing phosphodiesterase inhibitors comprising the Formula (IX, IXa)